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1. A GOK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS RECENTLY CONFIRMED TO
EMBASSY THAT QUESTION OF RATIFICATION OF NPT IS ENTIRELY A
POLITICAL ONE FOR KUWAIT, AND THAT IT HINGES ON
ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATY BY ISRAEL.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT NO RPT NO ARABIAN PENINSULA
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NATIONS HAVE RATIFIED NPT AND FEW HAVE SIGNED IT, -- WHEREAS
JORDAN, IRAQ, LEBANON AND SYRIA RATIFIED IT AT LEAST
SEVEN YEARS AGO, -- GAINING RATIFICATIONS IN THIS AREA MAY
DEPEND ON BUILDING A CONSENSUS AMONG PENINSULA STATES IN
FAVOR OF IT.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF NPT, THE

EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOK WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER RATIFICATION
UNLESS OTHER AREA STATES, ESPECIALLY SAUDI ARABIA,
DECIDE TO ADHERE TO THE TREATY. MOREOVER, UNDER CURRENT
CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH ISRAELI FORCES IN LEBANON AND DEBATE
THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD ON HOW TO COORDINATE ARAB EFFORTS
IN OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL, WE BELIEVE THAT PRESSING ARAB
GOVERNMENTS ON NPT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT THIS
TIME. EMBASSY WILL BE MUCH INTERESTED IN EMBASSY JIDDA'S
ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITIES.

4. WITH RESPECT TO NON-POLITICAL ASPECT OF NPT, IT SEEMS
CLEAR THAT GOK HAS NOT YET FORCUSED ON THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NPT OR US LEGISLATION AND POSSIBLE KUWAIT
INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. KUWAITI THINKING ABOUT
DEVELOPMENT OF A NUCLEAR POWER FACILITY HAS BEEN MIXED,
BUT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOK WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO
EMBARK ON ANY NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM DURING THE
COMING FEW YEARS.
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